

Yakima River / Hanford Reach Salmon Reports and Ringold Steelhead Reports

April 1, 2010

Ringold Steelhead Sport Fishery - February Summary

Effective April 1, all steelhead sport fisheries are closed in the Tri-cities area with the exception of Waters of the Columbia River adjacent to Ringold Springs Rearing Facility (RSRF) in Franklin Co. from the WDFW markers ¼ mile downstream of the Ringold irrigation wasteway outlet to the markers ½ mile upstream of Ringold Springs Creek (hatchery outlet). Only the hatchery side of the river is open — bank fishing only; Ringold Springs Creek (hatchery outlet) is closed.

An estimated 750 steelhead were caught in March and 435 of these were harvested. Catch and harvest in March was similar to last year and this year has been one of the best March harvests of the past seven years. Overall, 4,742 steelhead have been caught this season with 3,018 steelhead harvested for the fishery. Anglers, both bank and boat, averaged 5.5 hours per steelhead in March. The two week bank fishery in April is expected to produce similar catch though fish quality is poor as these fish have already begun spawning in the hatchery creek.

2009-10 Ringold Steelhead Fishery

March 2010	Catch & Harvest															Effort and Sampling						
	Total		ADRV ¹		AD Only		NM		NM Hatchery		Wild		Recycle ²		Chinook		Angler Hrs (Avg/day)	Days in Month	Angler Hours	Sampled		
	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch		Catch	Harvest	Adult	Jack				Hours	%	
Weekday Bank	218	132	63	50	96	82	59	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	23	759	154	20.3%	
Weekday Boat	294	99	62	52	77	47	155	0	51	0	104	0	0	0	0	0	58	23	1,330	123	9.2%	
Weekend Bank	42	23	7	7	16	16	19	0	8	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	60	8	478	148	31.1%	
Weekend Boat	196	182	89	89	93	93	14	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	147	8	1,175	135	11.5%	
Total	750	435	221	198	281	237	248	0	133	0	115	0	0	0	0				3,742	560	15.0%	
% of Total Catch			29.5%		37.5%		33.1%		17.7%		15.3%											

Season Summary

	Total		ADRV ¹		AD Only		NM		NM Hatchery		Wild		Recycle ²		Chinook		Angler	Sampled	
Month	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	% of Tot	Catch	Harvest	Adult	Jack	Hours	Hours	%
September	225	170	95	95	85	75	45	0	31	0	14	0.0%	0	0	12	170	2,355	539	22.9%
October	1,648	1,074	667	632	509	439	472	4	381	0	91	5.5%	0	0	7	130	12,559	3,549	28.3%
November	1,080	811	557	537	301	270	265	3	252	0	13	1.2%	49	49	0	0	8,701	2,327	26.7%
December	306	209	104	102	110	107	92	0	71	0	21	6.8%	17	17	0	0	2,101	560	26.7%
January	417	169	127	109	106	60	190	0	86	0	103	24.8%	3	3	0	0	3,436	822	23.9%
February	317	151	85	85	66	66	165	0	56	0	109	34.5%	0	0	0	0	2,949	713	24.2%
March	750	435	221	198	281	237	248	0	133	0	115	15.3%	0	0	0	0	3,742	560	15.0%
Total	4,742	3,018	1,856	1,758	1,458	1,253	1,477	7	1,010	0	466	9.8%	69	69	19	300	35,843	9,069	25.3%
% of Total			39%	58%	31%	42%	31%		21%		10%								

Comparison to Prior Years

	Total		ADRV ¹		AD Only		NM		NM Hatchery		Wild		Recycle ²				Angler Hours	Sampled	
	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	Harvest	Catch	% of Tot	Catch	Harvest	Adult	Jack		Hours	%
March 2010	750	435	221	198	281	237	248	0	133	0	115	0.0%	0	0			3,742	560	15.0%
March 2009	729	453	336	227	370	226					23	3.2%	0	0			3,365	743	22.1%
March 2008	581	274	532	256	20	18					29	5.0%	0	0			2,195	491	22.4%
March 2007	506	300	468	270	35	30					3	0.6%	15	15			2,458	607	24.7%
March 2006	446	216	370	154	72	61					4	0.9%	0	0			2,804	565	20.1%
March 2005	240	111	203	96	27	14					11	4.4%	0	0			1,493	627	30.1%
March 2004	606	359	575	335	31	24					0	0.0%					3,260	777	23.8%

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2009-10	4,742	3,018	1,856	1,758	1,458	1,253	1,477	7	1,010	0	466	9.8%	69	69	19	300	35,843	9,069	25.3%
2008-09	4,015	2,407	1,467	1,245	2,246	1,161					303	7.5%	0	0	625	113	40,842	11,599	28.4%
2007-08	2,209	1,315	1,486	1,028	480	281					243	11.0%	0	0	764	256	33,329	10,233	30.7%
2006-07	2,297	1,710	1,915	1,534	304	174					83	3.6%	123	123	912	66	39,027	10,330	26.5%
2005-06	1,527	1,069	1,240	933	203	135					84	5.5%	8	5	1,448	62	35,148	9,933	28.3%
2004-05	2,349	1,824	2,056	1,691	198	133					95	4.0%	269	263	1,139	145	41,359	13,011	31.5%
2003-04	4,269	2,698	3,845	2,628	275	70					148	3.5%	105	97			45,070	13,051	29.0%

CPUE for March

			Steelhead		
Ringold Steelhead	Sampled		Hours Fished	Catch	Hours per Fish
	Boats	Anglers			
Weekday Bank Anglers		80	154	43	3.6
Weekend Bank Anglers		60	148	13	11.4
Weekday Boat Anglers	14	25	123	24	5.1
Weekend Boat Anglers	12	26	135	24	5.6
Bank Anglers		140	302	56	5.4
Boat Anglers		51	258	48	5.4
All Anglers Combined		191	560	104	5.4